

KENTUCKY BOARD OF REGISTRATION FOR PROFESSIONAL GEOLOGISTS
MEETING MINUTES
April 7, 2008

A meeting of the Kentucky Board of Registration for Professional Geologists was held at the Frankfort office on April 7, 2008.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Sanders,
Douglas W. Reynolds, Jr
Robert E. Fox
Thomas P. Ryavec
James Cobb, Ph.D.

OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS STAFF

Gerald W. Hoppmann, Division Director
Wendy Satterly, Section Supervisor

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS

Mark Brengelman, Assistant Attorney General

CALL TO ORDER

Michael P. Sanders, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Cox administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Wyatt, a new Board member.

MINUTES

Motion was made by Mr. Ryavec to approve the minutes with amendments of the August 7, 2007 and December 3, 2007 meetings. Motion, seconded by Mr. Reynolds, carried.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Reynolds to accept the financial statement, as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Ryavec, carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Hoppmann, Director, presented correspondence from Ms. Virginia Woodward, Executive Director, Boards and Commissions, informing the Board of the commitment to the Board by the Office of the Governor, Boards and Commissions to work efficiently and expeditiously to fulfill Board appointments. Interested parties, including current Board Members whose term may soon expire, shall complete an application and resume and forward to Boards and Commissions.

Mr. Hoppmann discussed the General Fund fee transfers proposed in HB 406. The Board agreed to send a letter stating their opposition to the fee transfers. In addition, the Chair will draft a letter expressing general opposition to future transfers. Mr. Hoppmann also discussed possible fee increases to enhance revenues. The Board did not want to pursue fee increases at this time.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

STATUS REPORT

1 new Geologist-in-Training, 8 currently
7 new Geologists, 1,530 (62 were terminated for non-renewal)

ASBOG Exam dates are:

October 3, 2008
March 6, 2009
October 2, 2009
March 5, 2010
October 1, 2010

Michael P. Sanders, Chair informed Board members of his departure from the Board. Mr. Sanders is resigning effective April 8, 2008.

COMPLAINTS AND OTHER LEGAL MATTERS—MR. BRENGELMAN

The Attorney General's Office previously informed the Board that the Office of the Attorney General would be raising their rates to \$125 per hour. Jack Conway, Attorney General, sent a letter to the Board informing the Board of the decision that it would be more appropriate to use a staggered fee system for their work beginning in fiscal year 2009. As of July 1, they will start charging \$125.00 per hour for litigation work only. The Board will be charged \$100.00 per hour for other general legal services which would include preparation for and attendance of board meetings, telephone calls, correspondence and the drafting of regulations.

Agency Complaint 07-01 – The matter is ongoing with a request for the Board Administrator, Dana Hockensmith, to follow up with KBI. Mr. Reynolds reported Mr. Ryavec had received a report from the respondent.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Hockensmith, Board Administrator, will email the Word version to Mr. Reynolds. These forms were created for use on the internet.

A letter to the Office of the Attorney General acknowledging fee increase was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hoppmann, Director, addressed the Code of Ethics for Board Members. The Board decided to defer making a decision pending HB250.

Mr. Hoppmann, Director, explained the Executive Order regarding the reduction of out-of-state travel to reduce costs. All out-of-state travel must be approved by the Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet.

The mileage reimbursement rate beginning April 1 through June 30, 2008 will be .45 cents per mile.

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The Board decided to approve the renewal for MH.

Doug presented applications for ML and AS. The Board decided to deny them and send denial letters.

Correspondence was presented from LD requesting statistics on ASBOG exams administered by Kentucky.

ASBOG Correspondence regarding statistics requests was presented in response to LD correspondence. ASBOG's policy is not to provide any information to outside entities concerning the examination, other than that which is posted on the public section of the ASBOG Web site. The Board agreed these items shouldn't be responded to in the future.

Information was presented regarding the COE Workshop. It was held April 3-4, 2008 in Cody, WY.

The new ASBOG Forum is accessible for Board Members and Board Administrators, providing an opportunity to interact with other states on topics of interest.

Information was provided to Board Members if interested in nominating a candidate as Secretary for the ASBOG Executive Committee.

Mr. Reynolds made a motion to approve payment of the ASBOG invoice for the March 7, 2008 exams totaling \$4,175.00. The motion seconded by Mr. Ryavec, carried.

ELECTIONS

Dr. Cobb made a motion to elect Mr. Reynolds as Chair. The motion seconded by Mr. Ryavec, carried.

TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

Mr. Reynolds made a motion to approve the travel and per diem for members attending today's meeting. The motion, seconded by Mr. Ryavec, carried.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for June 2, 2008 at the Frankfort office at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

The Board adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m., having no further items of discussion.

Approved